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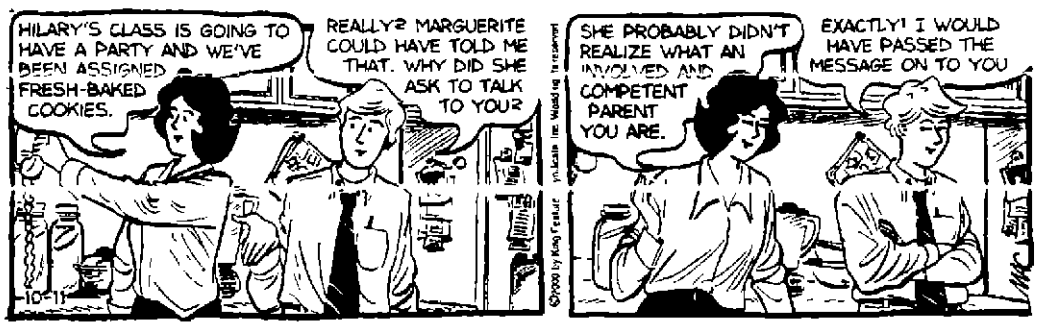
SALLY FORTH



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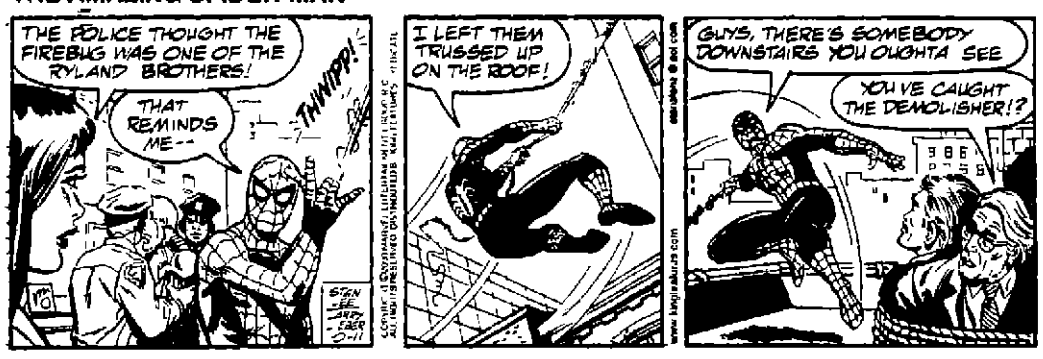

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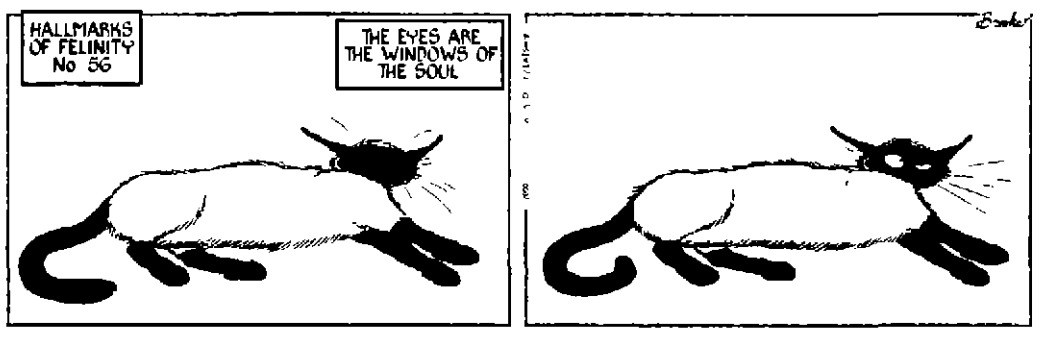


JUMP START

ROSE IS ROSE

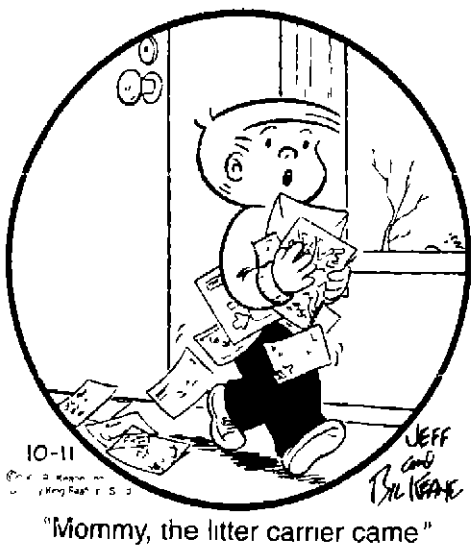
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM

DILBERT

DENNIS THE MENACE

FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE

RALPH

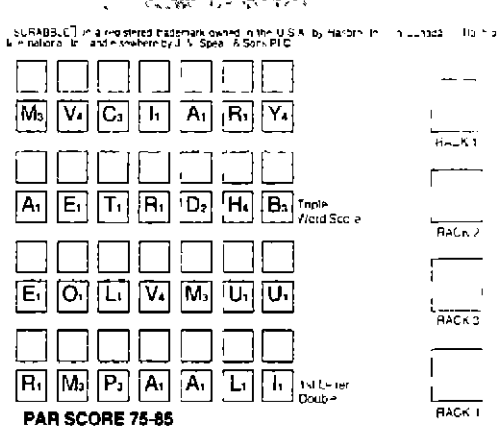
"Oh, no .. I forgot to tell them that we moved"

Today's Birthdays

Actor **Ron Leibman** is 63
Country singer **Gene Watson** is 57
Singer-musician **Daryl Hall** is 51
Rhythm-and-blues musician **Andrew Woolfolk** (Earth, Wind and Fire) is 50
Actress-director **Catlin Adams** is 50
Actor **David Morse** is 47
Country singer **Paulette Carlson** is 47
Football player **Steve Young** is 39
Actress **Joan Cusack** is 38
Actor **Sean Patrick Flanery** is 35
Actor **Luke Perry** is 34

I NEED HELP

SCRABBLE



PAR SCORE 75-85
by **JUDD**
FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each rack. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50 point bonus. Blanks used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam Webster) and OSW, Official Scrabble Words (Grantham). **JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORRO**
10-11-00

For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Thursday, Oct. 12, 2000

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) At this time you have the opportunity to do something wonderful for your future

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Become informed or face the consequences that being unprepared can bring

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Make new friends keep the old and listen to the wisdom and good advice uttered by all

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Catching up on deadlines and tying up loose ends should be your top priority

LEO (July 23 to Aug 22) Planning exciting events and social gatherings on company time will lure you away from pressing matters

VIRGO (Aug 23 to Sept 22) A bit of dyspepsia could ruin your evening, so be certain to watch what you eat

LIBRA (Sept 23 to Oct 22) Close your eyes and try to live that world that exists behind your mind

SCORPIO (Oct 23 to Nov 21) Rest when needed and relax your way through the rest of the week

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22 to Dec 21) Listen to your muse or she might go away for good

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 to Jan 19) Truly consider what you're selling — why to whom and for what reason

AQUARIUS (Jan 20 to Feb 18) You're feeling awfully possessive particularly about something that might not even be yours!

PISCES (Feb 19 to March 20) Communication steps into the limelight, and developing your skills will pay off in the long run

WORD SLEUTH

ASSOCIATED WITH PICKLES

V X H U B R S O L I E E B Y V
S Q N C R L K R H E B L Y W T
R O L U I E J G A E B Y O W U
R P N C N W G T K E I G D H B
Z X E U E V D R N S P D N S W
Q D O M M K I N U A G S I I E
C A Y B W S U S A B N Q K L T
P N R E H S O K L S M G R E L
J H F R E T T U B & D A E R B
E C A Y X V U S R Q J W H R P
N M K J H F E C B Z S Y G X P

Tuesday's unlisted clue **ASPIRIN**

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: SOLD IN A —

Bread & butter	Gherkin	Relish	Spears
Brine	Hamburger	Sandwich	Sweet
Cucumber	Kosher	Sliced	Whole
Dill	Pregnant	Sour	

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For solution, see Classified.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

Knowing he was a big favorite to score his game, South went right up with dummy's diamond king at trick one. "It's now or never," he exclaimed. East took his diamond ace and returned the suit to West's 10, allowing West to shift to a heart. The finesse lost to East's king, and a heart return went to dummy's ace. Success now rested on a winning club finesse, and when it failed, South had to pay off for his impulsive play. What could he have done to avert the loss? After all, all three side-suit finesses were offside. To begin with, the diamond finesse was really not a finesse.

NORTH
♠ 10 9 x
♥ A J
♦ K 5
♣ A 10 7 6 3

WEST
♠ x x
♥ 6 5 3 2
♦ Q 10 8 6 2
♣ 8 2

EAST
♠ x x
♥ K 9 8 7 4
♦ A J 7 4
♣ K J

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 8 6
♥ Q 10
♦ 9 3
♣ Q J 7 4

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	All pass		

Opening lead: Diamond six

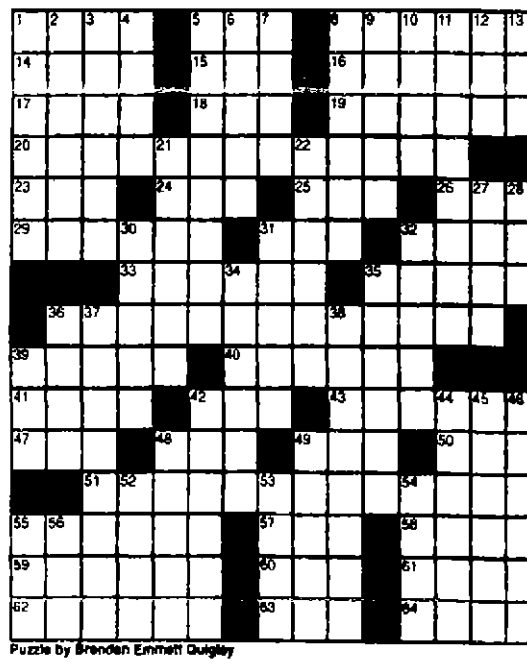
It was extremely unlikely that West had underled his diamond ace at trick one. Therefore, it was silly to stab at winning dummy's king. Instead, South should duck in dummy, forcing East to win. East can cash his ace for the same two diamond winners, but he cannot give West the lead for the killing heart shift. Neither can he lead hearts himself for gain. At trick three, South wins East's neutral trump exit and draws trumps. The club finesse loses as before, but the heart finesse becomes unnecessary. One of South's hearts goes on dummy's long club, and South can claim his game and rubber.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0830

ACROSS
1 Snatches
5 Nuclear treaty result
8 Farm cry
14 Three-layer treat
15 Sport ___
16 Like a white rat
17 Cousin of a canvasback
18 E-mail address ending
19 Golf pro's concern
20 Spy movie catch phrase
23 It may be sold in yards
24 Crunches tighten them
25 Coffee holder
26 Tabloid photo subject
29 Cool cat
31 LP contents?
32 Ill humor
33 Calls up
35 More smart-alecky
36 Sampler sentiment
39 "Platoon" actor Willem
40 In addition
41 Pound sounds
42 "ER" extras
43 Slip away
47 "May I help you?"
48 "___ who?"
49 The fin man?
50 Morgan of the comics
51 1984 Cyndi Lauper #1 hit
55 Gives a clanon call
57 Pastoral place
58 Skip
59 Ply with food and drink
60 SOS part, supposedly
61 Parcel
62 Scully and Mulder, for two
63 Letter abbr
64 Rabbit's title

DOWN
1 "I'm impressed!"
2 Pupil surrounder
3 Conked
4 Unloaded, in a way
5 Persistent problems
6 Quarks' places
7 Actress Campbell
8 Monopoly maker
9 John of song
10 Mein contemporary
11 Untouchable's belief
12 Mandela's org
13 Misfortune
21 Freshmen's and sophomores' team
22 Clichéd movie ending
27 Turn tail
28 Anthem contraction
30 Self-produced CD's, maybe
31 Satisfies
32 Regional flora and fauna
34 Holiday since 1966
35 Ahab, e g
36 Also-ran of fable
37 Behind the scenes
38 Soldier Field crew
39 Kind of trader
42 Candy name
44 First coat
45 Arab, e g
46 Seat of Devonshire
48 Refine, as ore
49 Really enjoyed
52 Qom home
53 Angel's worry
54 Mummy's home
55 Undergarment
56 Drumstick



Puzzle by Brendan Emmett Quigley

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

A	T	S	E	A		A	M	O	S		S	T	E	W
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P	A	L	M	S		O	R	A	L		O	T	I	S
		F	O	O	T	B	A	L	L	C	O	A	C	H
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			A	N	T			V	I	R	T	U	E	
A	B	O	A	R	D		P	O	I			H	E	E
D	E	C	E	M	B	E	R	F	I	R	S	T		
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T	E	N	S		S	U	E	D		K	O	P	E	K

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